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## Leadership in Family Planning

**“To celebrate International Family Planning conference in Addis. “iLead” will highlight issues of leadership for population growth and need of family planning. “Which is a Development Issue”.**

### **Celebrate Women and Dignity of Family Planning**

The International Family Planning conference in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) this week is attended by more than 3,000 delegates, highlighting population growth, family planning and women. This conference is an indication of a realization that family planning is very essential for the larger prosperity of society. The acute poverty seen in many developing countries, where people sleeping hungry and even compelled to sell their children for money. The family planning will help in the desired size of the family thus reducing population growth. This conference is organized by Bill Gate Foundation, UNFPA and others.

### **Unplanned Rapid Population Explosion in Africa**

The head of the UN Population Fund, Babatunde Osotimehin speaking at the above conference in Addis Ababa, on Tuesday said that child marriages and teenage pregnancies in Africa have reached “epidemic levels.” He said that it is crippling economies because of the unplanned rapid population explosion and the ill health of both the child mothers and their children, even their deaths. He pointed out that 7.2 million underage girls get pregnant globally every year, 200,000 of whom are

impregnated daily. “This needs to stop, Babatunde said,” Governments should invest in girls, their education, health as well as sexual and reproductive health. Ethiopia has increased the usage of family planning services by boosting its health manpower as a result the number of women with access to family planning have doubled. This access reduces unintended pregnancies, unsafe abortion and child mortality. Dr. Babatunde said “family planning is development issue”.—News Vision, Uganda

## **Population and Climate Change; will Leadership Wake up**

The most environmental problems, including those arising from climate change, are aggravated by population growth. Thus the fact that the world population has surpassed 7 billion and continues to grow by some 78 million additional people each year, present enormous challenges to climate change. The dimension of population size is unquestionably a critical factor for longer-term sustainability. Given their size, the Earth’s remaining ecosystem resources would be quickly depleted. In some countries most of the population growth is now inertial thus although achieving rapid population stabilization would certainly be helpful to global sustainability, the practical possibility of reducing absolute growth significantly in some of these countries is much less realistic.

The world’s urban population will increase 1.7 billion people between now and 2030, most of this in Asia and Africa. The scale of growth that will be faced by developing world in coming decades has no parallel in history. Urban population is projected to double in a generation’s time. The policy makers and leader should take note and adopt suitable policies in relation to population growth and family planning. —UN Report

## **European Parliamentarians at Family Planning Conference**

15 European parliamentarians are participating in various sessions at the International Family Planning Conference in Addis Ababa. They represent European forum of parliamentarians on population and development. According to Mr. Neil Datta, Executive secretary of EPF, these parliamentarians from western and eastern parliaments are interacting with leaders from various government, civil society and UN official. They are also participating in various sessions as speakers.

## **A Civil Society Fund for Sexual Reproductive Health & Rights**

The Packard foundation in cooperation with government of Denmark and Netherland will establish a “Civil Society Found for sexual and reproductive health and right”. They will soon be announcing the Fund manager.—Euro NGOs

## **ICAAP 11<sup>th</sup> is Finally Here**

The 11<sup>th</sup> international conference on AIDS in Asia Pacific (ICAAP) at Queen Sirikit National Convention Center (QSNCC) from 18 – 22 November is now getting final touches. From the president of Fiji to grass root HIV-AIDS workers and persons

affected by it will all be there, around 4,000 of them including parliamentarians, ministers, officials, civil society and other leaders. The ICAAP will also have focus on “leadership” to discuss revitalizing leadership towards zero new infections, zero HIV related deaths and to end stigma and discrimination. There will also be an Asia-Pacific Youth Leadership Forum and interfaith activities.

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### Message for Leaders

**“UN studies conducted in more than forty developing countries show that the birth rate falls as women gain equality... I believe income-earning opportunities that empower poor women ... will have more impact on curbing population growth than the current system of "encouraging" family planning practices through intimidation tactics.. Family planning should be left to the family.” — Muhammad Yunus, Bangladesh**



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